

# QUALIFYING PROCEDURES FOR CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

1. **Qualifications.** To seek or hold the office of United States Senator, a person must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for 9 years, and a Tennessee resident.
2. **Qualifying Petition.** Candidates may obtain a nominating petition from a county election commission office or the office of the coordinator of elections. Petitions may be obtained no more than 90 days before the qualifying deadline date. Each page of the petition must be signed by the candidate and an election official and may not be photocopied. Additional pages may be obtained as necessary.
3. **Voters' Signatures.** The nominating petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters who are registered anywhere in Tennessee. Each voter who signs the petition must also supply their residence address as it appears on their voter registration records.
4. **Filing deadline.** Primary candidates must file their nominating petitions no later than NOON on April 4, 2002; candidates who intend to run as independents on the November ballot must also file their petitions by noon on April 4, 2002.
5. **Where to File.** Primary and independent candidates must file their original nominating petition in the office of the State Election Commission and a certified duplicate in the office of the Coordinator of Elections. Both of these must be received by the qualifying deadline listed above and may be mailed to:

Division of Elections  
312 Eighth Avenue North  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243  
(615) 741-7956

Primary candidates must also file a certified duplicate by the above qualifying deadline with the chairperson of their party's state executive committee. There are no filing fees.

State Democratic Party  
223 Eighth Avenue North, Suite 200  
Nashville, TN 37203

State Republican Party  
1922 West End Avenue  
PO Box 330729  
Nashville, TN 37203

6. **Campaign Contribution and Disclosure Filings.** Candidates should contact the Federal Election Commission and the Tennessee Registry of Election finance for information regarding campaign contribution and disclosure reports and filing requirements. The addresses and phone numbers are as follows:

Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20463  
(800) 424-9530

Registry of Election Finance  
Ste. 1614, 404 James Robertson Pky  
Nashville, TN 37243-1360  
(615) 741-7959